

Preschool Funding in Iowa

In Iowa, early childhood education services are available through a complex system of models, service providers and funding streams. Through collaboration and partnerships, many preschool programs are able to provide high quality early childhood educational opportunities in communities.

Finance

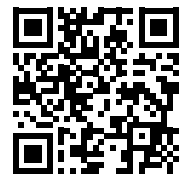
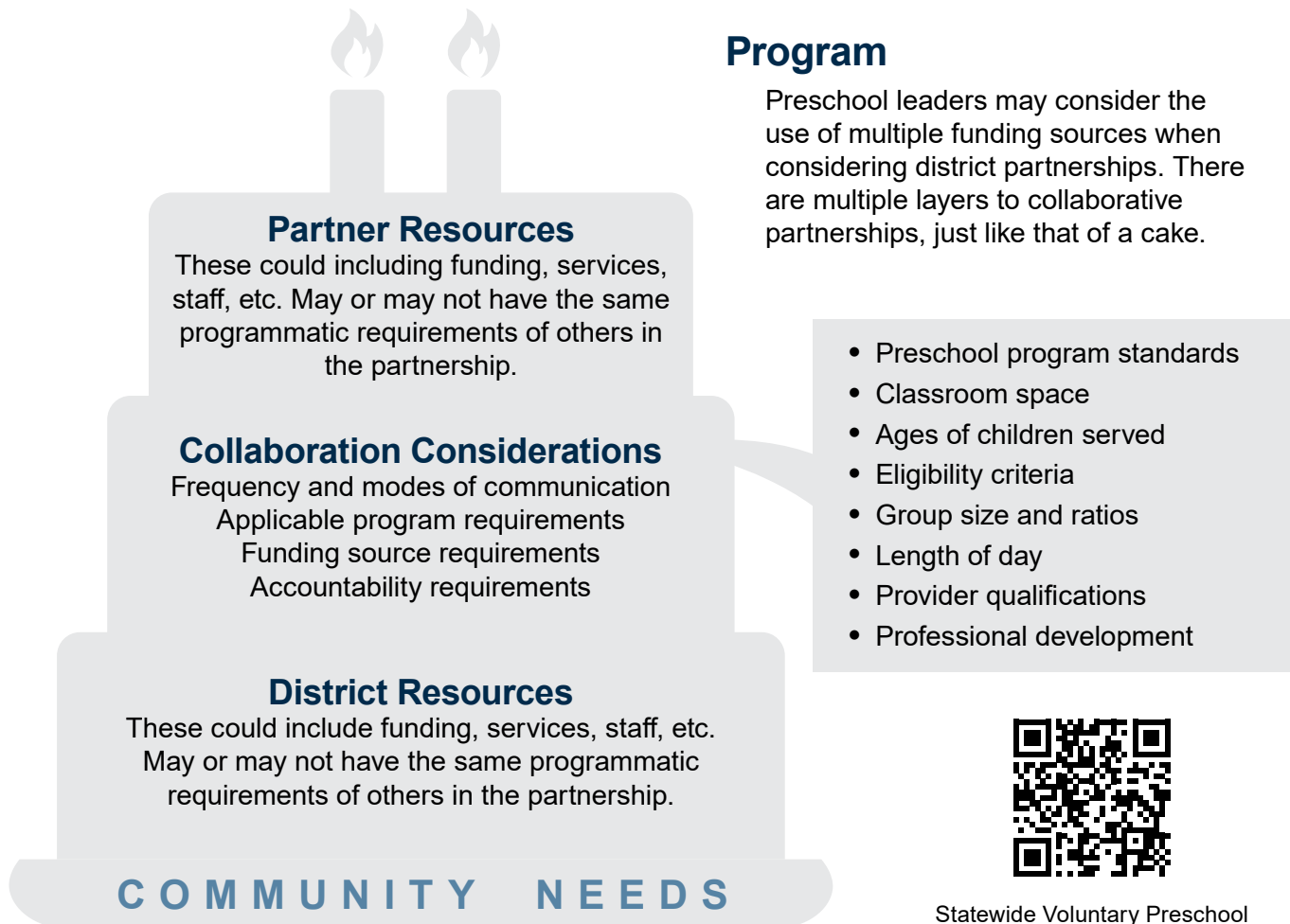
Many preschool programs utilize a mixed delivery system through the braiding of various available funding sources. **Braided funding** is best described as **two or more funding sources used concurrently to maintain program costs**. Braiding of funding maintains source requirements for use of funds while implementing a practice of cost allocation. That is, expenditures are tracked through categories and by the individual sources, while any revenues are allocated accordingly. Braiding of funds supports school leaders in ensuring fidelity in use and for accountability purposes.

Possible Funding Sources

- Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP)
- Shared Vision Preschool Program (SVPP)
- Head Start
- Title 1
- Special Education
- Early Childhood Iowa (ECI)
- Parent Tuition
- Child Care Assistance
- Other grants and scholarships

Program

Preschool leaders may consider the use of multiple funding sources when considering district partnerships. There are multiple layers to collaborative partnerships, just like that of a cake.



Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program, Head Start Programs, and Shared Visions Map

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